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Dear General Gehlen:

Heinz immediately passed to me the sense of your warm message of congratulations. You know that I deeply appreciated hearing from you so promptly. It literally seems to me that you and I have been fighting the common war together almost since I can remember, and there is no associate in this struggle whose intelligence, devotion, and integrity I admire more than yours. I am looking forward to the continuance of this excellent relationship as I take on my new duties.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Richard Helms
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